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AMENDMENT

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1. Identification of the International Application

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4. Item to be Amended: Claims

5. Subject Matter of Amendment

Claim 1 (page 35), 3 and 5 (page 36), and 8 and 10 (page 38) are amended, and claims 2 (page 35), 6 (page 37), and 7 and 9 (page 38) are cancelled.

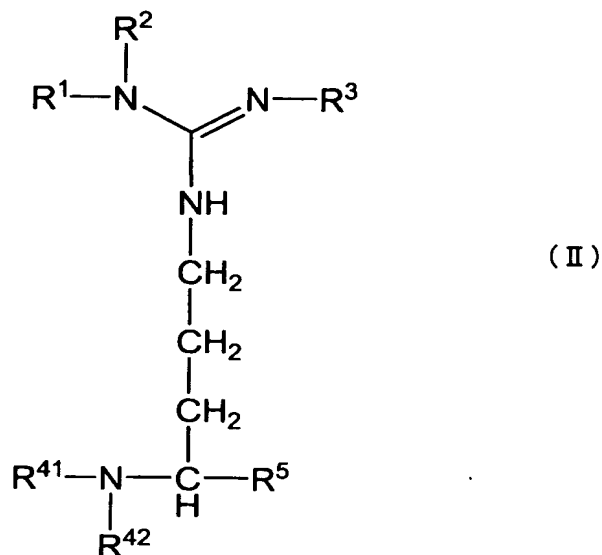
6. List of Attached Documents

(1) Replacement sheets of pages 35-38

CLAIMS

1. (Amended). A compound represented by the general formula (II) or a salt thereof:

[Formula 1]



wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that at least one of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 does not represent a hydrogen atom; R^{41} represents a group represented by $\text{R}^{401}\text{CO}-$ where R^{401} represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent or a heterocyclic group which may have a substituent, or a group represented by $\text{R}^{402}\text{S}(\text{O})_m-$ where R^{402} represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon group which may have a substituent or a heterocyclic group which may have a substituent, and m is an integer of 1 or 2; and R^5 represents a carboxyl group which may have a substituent.

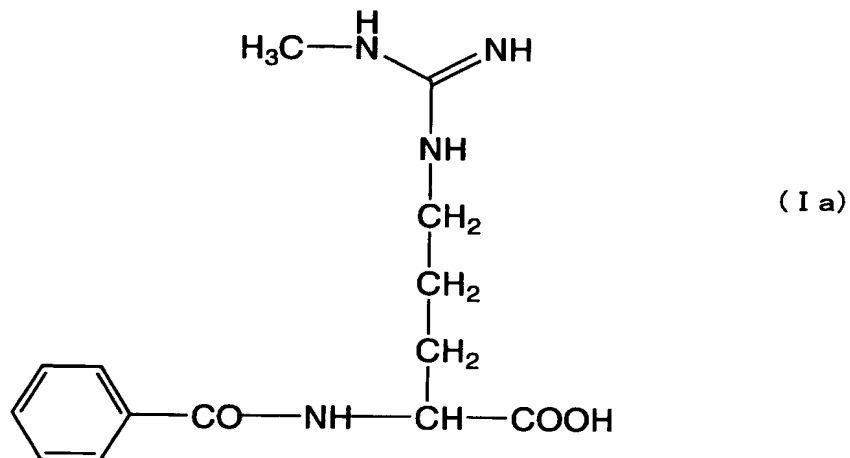
2. (Cancelled)

3. (Amended) The compound or salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein R^{41} represents a benzoyl group which may have a substituent, a benzoylpeptidyl group which may have a substituent, a dansyl group which may have a substituent or a dansylpeptidyl group which may have a substituent; and R^{42} represents a hydrogen atom.

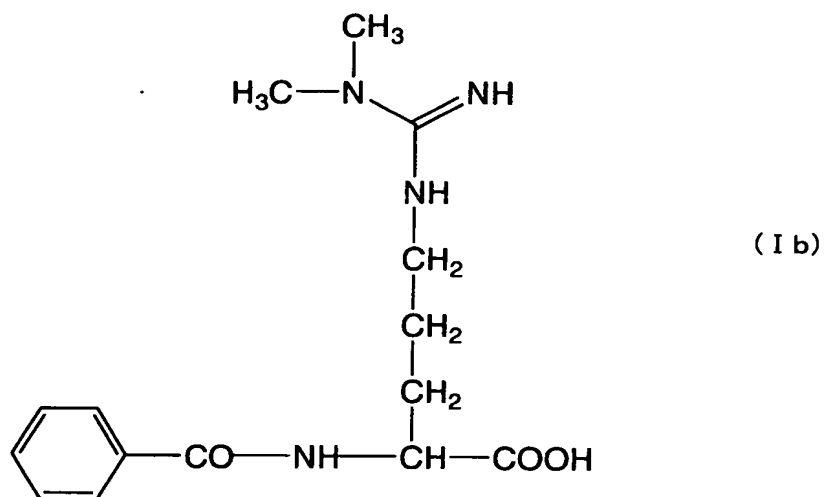
4. The compound or salt thereof according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, provided that at least one of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 represents a methyl group.

5. (Amended) The compound or salt thereof according to Claim 4, which is a compound represented by the formula (Ia), (Ib) or (Ic) or a salt thereof.

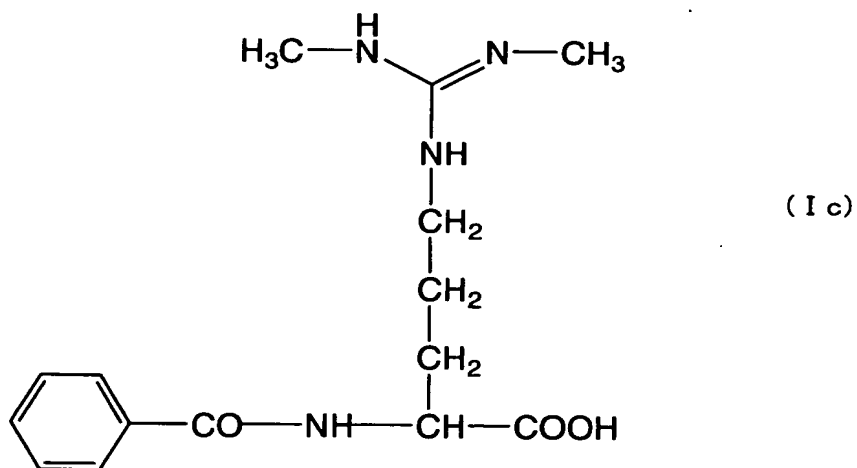
[Formula 2]



[Formula 3]



[Formula 4]



6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Amended) A peptidylarginine deiminase 4 inhibitor comprising, as the active ingredient, the compound or a salt thereof as recited in any one of Claims 1, 3 to 5.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Amended) The peptidylarginine deiminase 4 inhibitor according to Claim 8, which is used for the prevention and/or treatment of diseases associated with peptidylarginine deiminases.